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## CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

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19. (currently amended) A radiation protection material for shielding X-rays and/or gamma rays made from a foil-like, multi-layer material in which radiation-absorbing particles are dispersed, the protection material comprising:

at least one carrier layer; and  
a radiation absorbing layer, said radiation-absorbing layer comprising a ~~hardened polymer preparation which is flowable in a processing state and which has~~having an effective lead content of  $\leq 15\%$ , said radiation absorbing layer being attached to said at least one carrier layer in a permanent and non-releasable manner to form the multi-layer material.

20. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said polymer preparation of said radiation absorbing layer comprises a PVC plastisol.

21. (currently amended) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said polymer preparation of said radiation absorbing layer comprises a ~~hardened liquid~~caoutchouc component.

22. (currently amended) The radiation protection material of claim 21, further comprising a PVC plastisol mixed with said ~~liquid~~caoutchouc component prior to hardening thereof.

23. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said polymer preparation comprises at least one of softeners, cross-linking agents, and further additives.

24. (currently amended) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said polymer preparation contains between 20 and 40 weight% PVC polymer and 10 to 35 weight% ~~hardened liquid~~ caoutchouc, 0 to 10 weight% additional and auxiliary substances, the rest being softener.
25. (currently amended) The radiation protection material of claim 24, wherein said polymer preparation contains 25 to 35 weight% PVC polymer, 15 to 25 weight% ~~hardened liquid~~ caoutchouc, 0 to 7 weight% additional substances and auxiliary means, the rest being softener.
26. (currently amended) The radiation protection material of claim 25, wherein said polymer preparation contains 30 weight% PVC polymer and 20 weight% ~~hardened liquid~~ caoutchouc.
27. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said effective lead content is  $\leq 10$  weight%.
28. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 27, wherein said effective lead content is  $\leq 5$  weight%.
29. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 28, wherein said effective lead content is 0 weight%.
30. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein a specific lead equivalent is  $\geq 30$  at a tube voltage in a tube voltage range between 60 and 125 kV in accordance with IEC 1331-1/EN 61331.

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31. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 30, wherein a specific lead equivalent is  $\geq 32$ .
32. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 31, wherein a specific lead equivalent is  $\geq 34$ .
33. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 30, wherein said specific lead equivalent is  $\geq 30$  at at least two tube voltages having a difference of at least 20 kV in a tube voltage range between 60 and 125 kV in accordance with IEC 1331-1/EN 61331.
34. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 33, wherein said specific lead equivalent is one of  $\geq 32$  and  $\geq 34$ , said tube voltages differing by one of 40 kV, 45 kV and 65 kV.
35. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said carrier layer comprises at least one of PVC plastisol material, polyurethane, and polyester.
36. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein a portion of said polymer preparation of said radiation-absorbing layer is  $> 0$  and  $\leq 20$  weight% and a content of radiation absorbing particles is  $\geq 80$  weight% and  $< 100$  weight%.
37. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 36, wherein said portion of said polymer preparation is 10 to 20 weight% and said portion of radiation absorbing particles is 80 to 90 weight%.
38. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein radiation absorbing particles contain tin, bismuth, barium

and/or tungsten and/or oxides and salts of these metals and mixtures thereof.

39. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein the multi-layer material has a thickness of 0.3 to 1.2 mm, 0.3 to 0.5 mm, or 0.35 to 0.45 mm.
40. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein radiation absorbing particles are contained in the at least one carrier layer.
41. (previously presented) The radiation protection material of claim 19, wherein said at least one carrier layer can be washed, is abrasion-resistant, and/or has textile properties on its side facing away from the radiation absorbing layer.
42. (previously presented) The radiation absorbing material of claim 19, wherein said carrier layer is integrally connected to said radiation absorbing layer.
43. (currently amended) A method for producing a radiation protection material, the method comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a carrier layer;
  - b) producing a material for a radiation absorbing layer from a pourable liquid polymer preparation by adding radiation absorbing particles;
  - c) applying the material for the radiation-absorbing layer onto the carrier layer; and
  - d) hardening the material of the radiation absorbing layer through thermal, chemical, and/or physical cross-linking,

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wherein the radiation absorbing layer is attached to the carrier layer in a permanent and non-releasable manner to form the multi-layer material.

44. (previously presented) The method of claim 43, wherein step a) comprises the step of doctoring and drying on a substrate and step c) comprises at least one of disposing, pouring, or doctoring the material of the radiation-absorbing layer onto the carrier layer.
45. (previously presented) Use the radiation protection material of claim 19, as radiation protection clothing, as a radiation protection apron, or as a radiation protection loincloth.